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NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME

Exodus 20:1-18

*Putting God
in His Place!*

INT:

One most beautiful statements in N. T. spawned by one of ugliest episodes in N. T. M. 22:15, 21, 30, 37.

Greatest Commandment: Deut. 6:5, 10:12, 30:6. in O.T.

In N. T. Matt. 22:37, Mk. 12:30 and Luke 10:27.

Is First Commandment in O. T. as well as N. T.

Meaning is the same in N. T. as was in O. T. God 1st!

STUDY: First of the Ten Commandments; great lessons.

I. FIRST COMMANDMENT REFUTES HUMANISM IN EVERY FORM.

A. Humanist Manifesto: "Modern science makes unacceptable any supernatural or cosmic guarantees of human values." OR Way of man IS in himself!!!!

1. Denies accountable to God. Then anarchy!

2. Denies sin until Science labels it. Frustration

3. Leaves man a Beast and nothing wrong with treating him as a beast. Survival of fittest!!

B. Bible refutes all such: Jer. 10:23, Prov. 14:12.

1. Man is accountable to God. Amos 4:12. Gal. 6:7-8

2. Sin against man is sin against God. Rom. 2:5-6

II. ANCIENT ISRAEL NOT ONLY ONES NEEDING THIS LESSON. US!

A. William Jennings Bryan's list of America's false God's. *God of:*

1. Gold, Fashion, Fame, Ease, Intellect, Travel, War, Passion, Chance, Drink,

2. "Anything that absorbs the soul's attention and claims uppermost affection in the heart is a god in that heart and soul."

B. Man's heart is a throne and ^{God} claims sole prerogative to sit on that throne and rule our lives.

Matt. 22:37. Matt. 6:33. Col. 3:2-3. M. 6:19-21.

Not always the case because.....

III. MEN STILL WORSHIP IDOLS ABOVE THE TRUE GOD TODAY.

Idol of A. SELF is our biggest god above God almighty today.

1. Selfish desires, preferences, hopes, ambitions, lusts, conceits, loves, hates, pleasures etc.

a. Alan Butler: Christian College? NO. Rice? Yes. Today: Athiestic lawyer, worshipping at alter of human materialism and egocentricity.

b. Jim Ash, Jr.: Christian College? NO. Rice? Yes. Today: Living in glorified realm of human intellectualism and cynicism. Agnostic!

c. Joe Black: Preacher, unfortunulate marriage. Changed mates. Warned! Today: Ins. sales, adul

BOORUM & PEASE "NOTEAR"

"NOTEAR" (R)

WH 1-14-68
SS 7-12-70

Salal

many!

B. INTELLECTUALISM is a pagan god worshipped by

1. "The high priests of this system know no boundaries of arrogance or conceit." Gen. 3:5.
2. Wilbur M. Smith, "This is a humanistic development which is a strange, profound and loudly proclaimed tendency to deify humanity; to call humanity God!"
3. Robert Flint: "Humanity must be blind to its follies and sins, insensible to its weaknesses and miseries, and given over to the madness of a boundless insanity, before it can raise up an alter and burn incense to itself!"
4. All who put their thoughts above God's thoughts burn incense at the alter of intellectualism. God's reply: Isaiah 55:8-9.

No time for gods of Society, Deified-State or Communism, War, Materialism, Passion etc.

INV: Sobering thought: "Whereever civilizations have perished, the destruction has always come following the violation of the first commandment."

Solution:

Commend to you the epitaph on tomb stone in the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Tarrytown, N. Y.
Quotation of Augustine on stone of William Rockefeller: "Our souls, Oh God, were made for thee; and never shall they rest until they rest in thee."

If NOT A CHRISTIAN. To become one, obey Great Commandment.

B-R-C-B. *because Matt. 22:37.*

If not at peace with self: Obey Great Commandment.

R-P *because Matt. 22:37.*

If not identified, come share our church home.

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